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## **OPA Daily Digest for 7/29/13**

### **Congressional Inquiries:**

**Rep. John Shimkus (Ill)** – 7/1/13: Rep. Shimkus requests a West Lake Landfill site visit. Due: 7/8/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (Neb)** – 7/19/13: Requesting information on FUDS. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

**Sen. Tom Harkin (Iowa)** – 7/22/13: Requesting status of a letter asking for clarification regarding the establishment of clean water act technology-based requirements for water treatment plants. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

**Sen. Chuck Grassley (Iowa)** – 7/25/13: Requesting clarification regarding EPA's stance on the establishment of clean water act technology-based requirements for water treatment plants. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

### **State Government Inquiries:**

**Rep. Bill Otto (Mo)** 7/25/13: Question on the timing of the groundwater testing results. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

**Sen. Chris Brase (Iowa)** 7/29/13: Question on the SIP for the Muscatine area. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

**Rep. Bill Otto (Mo)** 7/29/13: Request for meeting to discuss Westlake activities. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

### **Press Inquiries:**

**KWMU Public Radio** - Veronique LaCapra – 7/29/13 – Questions about the 7/29/13 press release for the Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (Closed)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch** - Jeff Tomich – 7/29/13 – Questions about the 7/29/13 press release for the Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (Closed)

**Associated Press** - Jim Salter – 7/29/13 – Questions about the 7/29/13 press release for the Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (Closed)

**KMOV Channel 4** - Craig Cheatham – 7/29/13 – Questions about the 7/29/13 press release for the Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (Closed)

**Missouri Times** - Ashley Jost – 7/29/13 – Questions about the 7/29/13 press release for the Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (Closed)

**KMOX Radio** - Brett Blume – 7/29/13 – Questions about the 7/29/13 press release for the Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (Closed)

**Metro Networks** - Susan Harmon – 7/29/13 – Questions about the 7/29/13 press release for the Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (Closed)

**BNA Environment** - Chris Brown – 7/29/13 – Questions about the 7/29/13 press release for the Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (Closed)

**KSDK Channel 5** - did not get reporter's name – 7/29/13 – Questions about the 7/29/13 press release for the Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (Closed)

**St. Louis Beacon** - Jason Rosenbaum – 7/29/13 – Questions about the 7/29/13 press release for the Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (Closed)

## **Environmental Stories:**

**KLJB-TV - EPA: Muscatine Doesn't Meet Air Quality Standards** - 7/27/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says the Muscatine area doesn't meet air quality standards for sulfur dioxide.

<http://www.kljb.com/story/22949088/epa-muscatine-doesnt-meet-air-quality-standards>

**Quad-City Times - EPA: Muscatine sulfur dioxide levels too high** - 7/26/13 - Iowa is one of 16 states in the United States being cited for sulfur dioxide levels by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and Muscatine is the reason.

[http://qctimes.com/news/local/epa-muscatine-sulfur-dioxide-levels-too-high/article\\_e47e6446-8247-5c93-82f9-0d98f6be522d.html](http://qctimes.com/news/local/epa-muscatine-sulfur-dioxide-levels-too-high/article_e47e6446-8247-5c93-82f9-0d98f6be522d.html)

**Omaha World Herald - Sens. Johanns, Fischer co-sponsor bill to prevent EPA from releasing farmers' personal info** - 7/27/13 - Republican Sens. Mike Johanns and Deb Fischer of Nebraska are co-sponsoring legislation introduced by Sens. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from distributing personal information of farmers and ranchers.

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20130727/NEWS/130729030/1707>

**WHBF-TV - Muscatine air polluted with Sulfur Dioxide** - 7/27/13 - Muscatine's air is polluted. That's the word from the EPA.

<http://www.whbf.com/story/22945636/muscatine-air-polluted-with-sulfur-dioxide>

**Muscatine Journal - EPA: Muscatine SO2 levels too high** - 7/26/13 - Iowa is one of 16 states in the U.S. being cited for sulfur dioxide levels by the Environmental Protection Agency and Muscatine is the reason

[http://muscatinejournal.com/news/local/government-and-politics/epa-muscatine-so-levels-too-high/article\\_7d85481d-ca88-5c48-9647-393f9ab4b345.html?comment\\_form=true](http://muscatinejournal.com/news/local/government-and-politics/epa-muscatine-so-levels-too-high/article_7d85481d-ca88-5c48-9647-393f9ab4b345.html?comment_form=true)

**WQAD-TV - EPA says Iowa must address Muscatine-area air quality** - 7/26/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency gave Iowa officials 18 months to come up with a plan to lower the levels of sulfur dioxide in the air around the city of Muscatine.

<http://wqad.com/2013/07/26/epa-says-iowa-must-address-muscatine-area-air-quality/>

**Bettendorf - EPA agrees to reduce size of SO2 non-attainment area designated in Muscatine County** - 7/26/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has agreed with the state of Iowa to reduce the area around Muscatine to be designated as in "non-attainment" for sulfur dioxide (SO2) emissions and subject to increased efforts to lower the SO2 pollution levels.

<http://www.bettendorf.com/node/1632>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Carter Carburetor saga has winners and losers** - 7/29/13 - Flint Fowler has long looked forward to the day when children didn't have to pass an industrial eyesore each time they visited the Herbert Hoover site of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis.

[http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/carter-carburetor-saga-has-winners-and-losers/article\\_7a5b8c71-f636-5202-bb0c-9f6a0d648e81.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/carter-carburetor-saga-has-winners-and-losers/article_7a5b8c71-f636-5202-bb0c-9f6a0d648e81.html)

**St. Louis Business Journal - Development at Carter Carburetor site moving forward** - 7/29/13 - U.S. Rep. William Lacy Clay Jr. will join EPA representatives and local and state representatives today to announce a major development related to the cleanup of the 10-acre Carter Carburetor Superfund site in North St. Louis.

[http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning\\_call/2013/07/development-at-carter-carburetor-site.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning_call/2013/07/development-at-carter-carburetor-site.html)

**KMOX-TV - Carter Carburetor Cleanup Announcement Today** - 7/29/13 - It will be officially announced today that one of the area's most toxic sites, which has loomed over a neighborhood for decades, will finally be cleaned up. It's the Carter Carburetor plant on N. Grand next to the Boys and Girls Club.

<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/07/29/carter-carburetor-cleanup-announcement-today/>

**The Sacramento Bee - PR: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis Cheers Abandoned Factory Cleanup** - 7/29/13 - The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis expressed its appreciation to elected officials, Region 7 of the U.S. EPA, and ACF Industries for finalizing an agreement that begins the demolition and cleanup process of the abandoned Carter Carburetor plant. The plant is located adjacent to the Herbert Hoover branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, which today occupies the site of the legendary Sportsman's Park at the corner of Grand Boulevard and Dodier St.

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/07/29/5605573/boys-girls-clubs-of-greater-st.html>

**KMIZ-TV - Future of St. Louis Superfund site to be announced** - 7/29/13 - The old Carter Carburetor site in St. Louis, a polluted eyesore for decades, is due for a rebirth. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks and elected officials are scheduled to announce plans for the site on Monday.

<http://www.abc17news.com/missouri-news/Future-of-St-Louis-Superfund-site-to-be-announced/-/18421156/21219966/-/nu16bx/-/index.html>

**KOTA-TV - Senator Johanns works to protect ag-producers personal information from the EPA** - 7/27/13 - U.S. Senator Mike Johanns is working to protect the privacy of Nebraska farmers and ranchers. Senator Johanns is co-sponsoring a bill that will prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from disseminating personal information of farmers and ranchers.

<http://www.kotanow.com/story/22949206/senator-johanns-works-to-protect-of-ag-producers-from-the-epa>

**McPherson Sentinel - Algae causes health worry** - 7/29/13 - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment issued blue-green algae warnings for seven lakes in Kansas Thursday, including lakes in Reno, Sedgwick and Barton counties.

<http://www.mcphersonsentinel.com/article/20130729/LIFESTYLE/130729396/196/features>

**Sikeston Standard Democrat - Draft statement on St. Johns Bayou available** - 7/29/13 - Copies of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' St. Johns Bayou and New Madrid Floodway Project draft environmental impact statement are available at the Sikeston Public Library.

<http://www.standard-democrat.com/story/1989632.html>

**New York Times - After Delayed Vote, E.P.A. Gains a Tough Leader to Tackle Climate Change** - 7/28/13 - When Lisa P. Jackson announced at the end of last year that she was stepping down as the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, President Obama faced a choice. He could play it safe by appointing her deputy or he could confront Congress head-on and signal a strong commitment to tackling climate change by appointing the agency's head of air quality, Gina McCarthy.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/29/us/politics/after-delayed-vote-epa-gains-a-tough-leader-to-tackle-climate-change.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/29/us/politics/after-delayed-vote-epa-gains-a-tough-leader-to-tackle-climate-change.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)

**LA Times - Internal EPA report highlights disputes over fracking and well water** - 7/27/13 - An EPA staff report suggests methane from hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, contaminated wells near Dimock, Pa., but the agency says the water's safe to drink.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-epa-dimock-20130728.0.4847442.story>

**The Modesto Bee - Future of St. Louis Superfund site to be announced** - 7/29/13 - Over the past several decades, thousands of children at the Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club in north St. Louis have played across the street from one of the most contaminated sites in the region: an old carburetor factory abandoned nearly 30 years ago.

<http://www.modbee.com/2013/07/29/2833434/future-of-st-louis-superfund-site.html>

### **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

**Pair of Settlement Agreements with Responsible Parties to Clear Way for \$30M Cleanup of Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo.** - 7/29/13 - Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

### **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

### **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**7/30/13** – Meet and Greet with MidAmerican, Regional Office. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

**8/14-15/13** – Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Ceremony, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**8/27/13** – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**9/13/13** – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

### **DRA:**

None

### **RA/Immediate Office**

None

### **Other Events**

### **AWMD**

**8/7/13** – Attending quarterly meeting with MDNR, Sedalia, Mo. Contact: Amy Bhesania, 7147.

**9/18/13** – Providing training to the Allergy Foundation of America, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Bob Dye, 7605.

**CNSL**

None

**ECO/EJ**

None

**ENSV**

None

**PLMG**

None

**RA/OPA**

None

**SUPR**

**8/5 - 9/13** - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

**8/12 - 16/13** - Groundwater contamination investigation and site-related meetings, Plating Inc. Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

**8/13-14/13** – EPA/DOD Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program and Environmental Security Technology Certification Program conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Clint Sperry, 7157

**8/19-8/23/13** - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

**8/26-8/29/13** - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

**8/28/13** – State of Missouri – Chem/Bio Functional Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

**WWPD**

**7/28-31/13** – Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Workgroup for Skills Marketplace, Washington, DC. Contact: Amy Shields, 7396

**7/29/13** – Kickapoo and Indian Health Service meeting to discuss Stage 1 and 2 Disinfection Byproducts and Total Organic Carbon Results, Horton, Kan. Contacts: Kimberly Willis, 7069, Stan Calow, 7410, Doug Brune, 7178

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